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. The Antediluvian and Extraordinary Order. of the Ons-a new and staggering Society craze held a very special meeting in a private room of the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, yesterday (26th Nov.) afternoon, Admission was seven and sixpence per head, including tea and bread and butter, jam, and Mysticism. Several titled ladies, and at least one countess, were present; and to see that all was fair and proper a real clergyman of the Church of England was accommodated with a seat on a gilt-edged chair in a far corner of the room. The reverend gentleman looked rather scared-but i was all right in the end; and never a blush mantled his pink cheeks. From time to time, however, he wiped his spectacles and gasped!

The special attraction which called together this tremendously fashionable assembly of the Ons was the first of a series of lectures by His Magnificence, Ibn Chatir, "Assyrian Fakir and High Adept," who was announced by the Lady Secretary as the newest Mystic with a Mission. "We are all going On I" she cried, And

Ibn Chatir (she pronounced the unpronounceable Christian name exquisitely) is going to lead the Way I Behold, he comes I"

THE ASSYRIAN COMES DOWN.

Fair hearts fluttered; the Clergyman clutched at his gold-headed umbrella wedged between his knees; there was a thump, thump; thump on the stairs-. The Assyrian was coming down! Not like a wolf on the fold, and notwith his cohorts all gleaming in purple and gold. He just swam postically into the rooma great man, with a great curling beard, of ebony, amusingly like the whiskered bas-reliefs of Assyrian charioteers on the walls of the British Museum. But the ensemble from the beard downwards rather took the Assyrian edge off, and the company was a little disappointedbut not very. Ibn, from his chin to his knees, wore a very chic frock coat and a big purple tie with a pigeon's egg pearl in it. A bright green handkerchief, with the sacred symbol of the Ons stamped upon it, fluttered at his breast, The symbol was a white circle with a dot in the middle. The Fakir's voice was low and sweet. His grammar was execrable, but Society put up with that for the sake of the rich melody of his rolling tongue, after he had explained that this was his first attempt to speak in English. His subject was the Cosmos, and another word which sounded just like "sausages," but really couldn't have been.

CLOTTED NONSENSE.

What on earth he meant nobody could possibly understand. He had a blackboard by a chair, and a pound and a half of chalk to his the Colony. hand. The elect thought possibly he was going to perform conjuring tricks with these useful household articles; and everybody sat up and looked as cheerfully interested as the tenets of Society allow them to do and awaited developments. A Fakir can do anything; be might have swallowed the sponge and materiglised a full-sized wash-hand basin out of his ear, or turned the chalk into cheese-or a few trifles like that, which a Fakir can do on head with the utmost ease, and very little inconvenience to the ladies and gentlemen

Instead, he talked and talked for an hour the most unutterable nonsense, and the audience sighed and said, "How true!" "How wonderful!" One quotation from Ibn's philosophy will suffice to show the amazing grip he has o the Universe and the Cosmos, and matters

We make wicked, or we make strongness. To know the All, we must first know the Cosmos. What do we know of the Cosmos? Nearly nothing. We have the moon so far from the world, and the sun so bigger than the moon. and all the calculating ways. But this is more useless than the humanity Cosmos. We must know ourselves-yes!

If harmony is not the great law of the universe, then we should have shocks. So we must live between the Cosmos!

The Countess (soulfully): Ah! THE COUNTESS WANTS TO KNOW,

Questions were invited.

The Countess: Will Mr .- er-Ibn Chatir tell me how I can know myself? The Fakir: Um-um--. Yes, madam!

The best way to know yourself is to start when we are young. Take young children, well study them, and see which are their principal constitutive forces. Develop the good ones and cast out the bad ones-yes !

. The Countess: Thank you, I completely comprehend. What would you do to people who only use their Cosmos for amusement?

That was a poser. Ibn wrigglad out of it by explaining that we all-even countesses-had positive and negative Cosmosses.

Then the countess blandly asked Ibn if she could change her positive Cosmos for a negative Cosmos. She perhaps imagined that she was at a bargain sale of " Cosmosses" and was dissatisfied with the lace trimming on the particular Cosmos she had too rashly chosen." THE "SECRET" ON BLACK AND WHITE.

The One waited engerly for a reply. The Fakir clutched a piece of chalk and drew on the blackboard a circle with a lot of little bubbly circles inside it. It looked just like one of those pictorial advertisements of a patent filter, illustrating a magnified drop of water before passing through the machine, "That," said he, "is the Secret-"

-But at that psychological moment a stately footman entered noiselessly; and announced that Tea was served; and Bociety hurried ont to the ante-room eager to get some, at least of their seven and sixpence back. So the Secret remains undivolged and the aristocratic Ous will have to pay another seven and six next week, when the High Adept (14 | promises a second dose of Compally-and Tes

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indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony." III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red,

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FIRE ON THE "1SINAN."

JAPANESE DISCOVERED IN THE HOLD.

In regard to the fire on the steamer Telean, the Japan Chronicle of 18th inst. learns from the Kobe Water Police that the fire was discovered off Shiomisaki, Kishu, about 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning. Noticing the smell of something burning, investigations were made, when sounds of knocking were distinguished coming from a hatch. This was accordingly opened and a Japanese coolie was discovered in a very exhausted condition, the

knocking being made to attract the attention of those on board. It was then discovered that the hold was on fice. The steamer put back to Kobe and a fire signal was hoisted. The Superintendent of the Water Police and a number of police officers on the Hoon moru, a salvage boat, went to the assistance, and launches belonging to steamship companies and others from the shore followed, the flames being extinguished by about 7 o'clock in the evening. The coolie was handed over to the Water Police by the Captain, and is now under examination. Two bexes of matches were found in his presession, but no tobacco. He stated that he had been smoking in the hold, in company with other coolies, whilst working in the harbour of Kobe, but missing the boat which convayed the coolies back to shore, he concealed himself in the hold. It is believed, however, that the man was attempting to travel to Yokohama ree of charge. The steamer carried 480 bales of raw cotton and 200 packages of hemp, in addition to a quantity of general cargo. The fire began in the cotton. The damage is estimated at about Y50,000.

NEW AMERICAN COINS AND STAMPS.

> FIVE-DOLLAR GOLD PIECE HAS MOITO RESTORED.

New York, November 19th. The new five-dollar gold piece, minted as. substitute for the St. Gaudens' coin, which met with serious objections, is being put into circulation, the Sub-Treasury in Wall Street issuing it according to demand. I was shown a specimen by the cashier at the Assay Office adjacent, but cannot endorse all that is being said in its favour as a product of the numismatic art. It certainly does not match the English sovereign, its equivalent, either in the simple impressiveness of its design or as an emblem of national character expressed in the currency of the State.

Apart from the decision of Congress to restore to the gold coins of America the motto "In God we Trust," omitted by St. Gaudens | further term of 75 years. for artistic leasons, with the assent of President Roosevelt, on the ground that it was superrogatory, there was a practical difficulty of stacking conveniently and safely the St. Gaudens design. In the new coin the designs of the eagle on one side and the head of an Indian chief in feathered war bonnet on the other are sunk into the metal like a cameo, so that the face of the coin is smooth to the touch, and no portion protrudes from the level of the field of

The eagle, designed, as well as the Indian's head, by a Boston sculptor, Bela Pratt, is supposed to be a more faithful, representation of the bird as seen at the Zoo, the feather's exrending down the legs being modified to meet the adverse criticism of the "trousers" of the St. Gaudens bird. On the left of the engle, in the open field, is the motto, "E Pluribus Unum," and on the right to correspond, but higher up, the words, "In God we trust"-certainly an embarrassment of superscription. The Indian head is a good characteristic profile, but to balance the unwieldy headgear is set a little to the left of the coip. It replaces that of the Irish maid-servant used-by St. Gaudens for his model. The milling does not overlap the coin faces nor interfere with their scrupulous flatness. The idea of the sunken decoration is that of Dr. William S. Bigelow, of Boston, who selected Mr. Pratt to execute it. After the plaus had been approved by President Roosevelt and the Director of the Mint, a few coins were made for experiment, and these being considered a success, the regular issue was authorised.

THE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS. · A fresh departure is being also made in the new issue of the United States postage stamps. The present Posimaster-General, Mr. Meyer, considers that the national or patriotic idea as expressed in stamps does not need the multiplicity of heads now appearing in the various issues. In the process of simplification it has be an decided to limit the designs to two, the portraits of Washington and Franklin. Washington, typifying the national idea, and regarded as " pater patrice," will appear on all denominations, with one exception, the one-cent stamp, For this Franklin is to be retained, the favour being shown to him slone by reason of the peculiar and unique place which he holds in the memory and affection of the American'

The only decoration is a few laurel leaves with "U. S. Postage" at the top and the value at the bottom. The portraits will appear in direct profile, though hitherto the faces of both Washington and Franklin have appeared in a three-quarter aspect. This change is made partly for economy's sake, effecting a saving of £4 000 a year, as the steel plates from which the stamps are printed will not need to be replaced so often. The fine lines of the threequarter face soon became indistinct. The United States is thus following the custom of other nations in using the same head of the suler through all the denominations, and is giving up the variety which has almost run riot in special issues.

There is a strong sentiment against any innovation which would put the portrait of the actual President upon the pational postage stamp as in the case of a monarch, and apparently the plan of issuing those of past Presidents in regular sequence has been abandoned. For the new stamps it has been pos-'albig to obtain the most authentic likenesses

of both Washington and Franklin by copying the original busts made by Houdon. When Franklin returned from abroad he brought with him the famous French sculptor, who made a cast in plaster of the head of the living Washington, and followed this up with a comprinion bust of the printer-philosopher.

The original Houdon bust of Washington is in the possession of the Bureau of Engraving at Washington, and the other is the most valued memorial in the Franklin Institute at Philadelphia. If a life mask is more satisfactory for such purposes than a death mask. it is worth remembering that the National Museum at Washington preserves one of Abraham Lincolp.

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Goods are landed. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before

and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods not cleared by the 28th inst., at P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days. of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hangkong, 21st December, 1008. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

THE Steamship

any case whatever.

"ARRATOON APCAR" baving arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense. Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M., of

the 24th instant, will be landed at Consignees? risk and expense. Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE are requested to take IMMEDIATE DE

LIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO. LIMITED Hongkong, and December, 1908,

Consignees.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless ntimation is received from the Consignoes before 6 P.M., TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 29th December, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

"All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 29th December, or they will not be recog-

All damaged packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 29th December, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance, has been effected. P. NALIN,

Honekong, 21nd December, 1008.

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THE Steamship

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, 29th instant, at

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods bave left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "ASSAYE," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1908.

THE OPIOM CONFERENCE.

As the date for the meeting of the opium conference, originally fixed for the 1st January but since postponed a month later, at Shanghai approaches interest is aroused in the forthcoming deliberations of the delegates of the Foreign Powers concerned in the suppression of the opium trade in China. From Shanghai we learn that a report is current regarding the appointment of Prince Kung as head of the Chinese Commissioners to the International Opium Conference. The North China Daily Acres hopes that this report will be confirmed in due course. In his last letter the Peking correspondent THE Prince Regent intends to send several without doubt the opinion held in diplo: matic circles in the Capital, drew attention to the fact that the personnel of China's present nominees to the Conference was disappointing. As the reason for this criticism the correspondent adduced the relatively inferior positions in the official hierarchy flection was made upon the intellectual qualifications of the representatives, which, as a correspondent has rightly pointed out, are beyond question. But in view of the importance attaching in China to outward ceremonial, the Shanghai journal comments editorially that it was obvious that the cause of opium reform stood to suffer in the eyes of the Chinese public, if the Government considered the International Conference of not sufficient moment to require the attendance of a highly-placed official. It is not too late to rectify the mistake into which the Chinese authorities might have fallen. Prince Kung, it will be remembered, was appointed High Commissioner for the Suppression of Opium last April, and only be a courteous recognition on the part of the Government of the assistance in the matter of opium suppression proferred by foreign Powers, but would also convince the Peking authorities to the crusade against the drug.

Morphia Regulations.

PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION AND MANUFACTURE.

HRAVY PENALTY FOR INFRINGEMENT.

Regulations made by His Majesty's Minis ter in Peking, which are declared to be urgent relating to the prohibition of the importation and manufacture of morphia, are published in the Gasette."

It is ordered that, on and after January 1st, 1909, any British subject importing into China morphia or justiuments for the injection of morphia except in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article XI of the Treaty of September 5th, 1902, for the importation of 'morphia, or any British subject manufacturing in China morphia or instruments for the injection of morphia shall, on conviction, he liable to a fine not exceeding fo, or to imprisonment to any term not exceeding three months; or to both such punishments, and the instruments for the injection of morphia may be declared to be forfeited.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION. On and after the 1st January, 1909, the manu facture in China by Chinese and foreigner of morphia, and of syringes, needles, and suchlike instruments for its use; is absolute y prohibited and the importation of the same into China by Ghioese and foreignersislikewise prohibited, except in the case of duly qualified foreign medical practitioners and foreign chemists and druggists complying with the following conditions:

1". Duly qualified foreign medical pract tioners to import morphia and/or instruments ment) SMOKERS COMPANIONS, for its use must sign a bond before their Consul stating the quantities to be imported and their values, the place whence arriving and the method of importation, whether by steamer (the name of which must be given), rail, or post, and guaranteeing that these articles will be employed for medicinal purposes only; either in their private practice or in some specified hospital. Upon the Consul forwarding the bond to the Custom House a special landing perm t will be issued ofter payment of

2°. Foreign chemists and druggists desiring to import morphia and/or instruments for its use must sign a bond b fore their Consul stating the quantities to be imported and their value, the place whence arriving and the method of importation, whether by steamer (the name of which must be given), rail, or. post, and guaranteeing that these articles will be used exclusively in the compounding of prescriptions or sold in small quantities only on the requisition of a duly qualified foreign medical practitioner. Upon the Consul forwarding the bond to the Custom House special landing permit will be issued after. payment of duty:

3". Any such importer of morphia and/or instruments for its use found dealing with-or selling-such, otherwise than in accordance with the terms of his bond, will not be permitted to make any further importation.

4º. All morphia and/or instruments for its use landed without Customs special permit will be confiscated.

5. Duty on morphia and instruments for its use imported under the above provisions will be levied at the reduced rate of 5 per cent ad vilorem.

.6°. Morphia and/or instruments for its use shipped to Chica by foreign merchants from foreign ports before 1st January, 1939, may be landed under the old regulations during a period after that date, the limit of which will be fixed in every instance, by the Custom House concerned according to the date of shipment and the distance of the port whence shipped. Any morphia so lauded under the old rules must pay duty at the present lariff. rate without reduction, " 🗸 .

The necessary blank bond forms will be issurd by the Customs on application free of

By Order received through the Inspector General of Chatoms.

> A. H. HARRIS, Commissioner of Castome.

CUSTOM HOUSE. Kowlean, 16th December, 1908:

LADY Lugard will be "At Home" on Monday,

the 28th inst; at 4 p.m.

of our Shanghai contemporary reflecting members of the Imperial College of Physicians next year to study medicine and surgery in

> CHAN YIU, a coolie, could not explain how, 40 catties of rice, worth \$1.50, came to be found in his possession and was therefore fined Srs in the Police Court.

RIGHT powerful tribes of aborigines in north occupied by the three delegates. No re- Formos, whose supplies had been cut off for months, surrendered on 17th inst., delivering up 151 heads and 120 rifles.

> IT is reported from Peking that it has been suggested that Prince Kung shall head the C tinese Commissioners at the International Conference to be held next February at

> I OR stealing one roll of black, striped salis valued at \$40, the property of Ho Wa Sang, of 41, Wing Lok Street, Choi King, an unemployed Chinaman, was given three months! hard labour.

> His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 16 of 1908, entitled an Ordinance to extend a certain definition in the Imperial Act styled the Evidence (Colonial Statutes) Act 1907.

TAB POLICE BALL

The annual dance of the Hongkong Police Force tock place at the City Hall on Christmas Eve and proved a decidedly enjoyable and successful function in every respect. The place was artistically decorated with

OVER THREE HUNDRED QUESTS INVITED.

abundance of overgreens and flags, which were very tastefully arranged. Machado's String Band was in attendance and supplied excellent music in accompaniment to the merry trippin of the Terpsichoreans, Dancing commenced shortly after nine. well-arranged programme was got up, which the merry-makers did ample justice to. 5

George's Hall was reserved for the dancing while supper was served in St. Andrew's Hall Those who sought a spall of rest or were no very graceful dancers were provided with th ever-attractive card-room in an adjoining room

Following were the committees appointed to whose untiring pains the success of the outer tainment was due :-

General Committee,-Chief Inspector Baker, Detective-Inspector Hanson, Messis. Withers Parr, Gordon, Appleton, Wilson, Watt, Ogg, Paterson, McDonald, Cooper, Ferguson, Stuart Brooks, Elicott and Lee (secretary).

"Bar Committee,-Messrs, Ferguson, Klicott and Kendall. Supper Committee .- Messrs. Lee and Parr.

Card Committee. - Messrs. Wilson, Adlington The M. C.'s were Mesers. Squart and Coope

who ably discharged their duty. A word of praise is due to the Chinese con tractor Yin Kee, in whose hands the supper arrangements were left, for the satisfactory way | ed to his fingertips with Foreign Office ways. in which he carried out not the lesst interesting part of the evening's enjoyment:

The Police proved themselves admirable hosts, which was very much appreciated by all who attended the dance.

HONGKONG : 1858-1008.

BY AN OLD, RESIDENT,

It is a revolution indeed from the barren, unkempt rock of fifty years ago to the prosperous, house-covered Victoria Peak of the present day; but the change is merely emblematical of the alterations which have taken placepolitically, socially, and commercially—in the sisland of fragiant streams " since it was first ceded to Great Britain. We are not, however, called upon to go so far back as the latter date, but are content to note that in the first year with which we are concerned the island was just beginning to feel the effect of the " Arrow" war, in its driving many of the heads of mercantile firms from Canton to Bongkong, whence commerce might be more safely and conveniently directed. It is interesting to remember that these heads of houses were in no case -old men, while their juniors were universally much younger than would have been deemed allowable—their responsibilities consideredby business folk at home. Business was, however, in one way rendered safer by the absence of telegrams, except a few which were forwarded by steamer from Singapore, while the fortnightly mails gave a breathing space in which buyers and sellers might approach one another without the disturbing influence of political scares or cleverly manipulated statistics. The French mail service to the Far East had not then been started, and the P, and O, boats steamed into port with letters of some six weeks back. The business position was, in fact, no ideal one for the leisurely-minded operator, and much money was made by sound judgment and foresight, The opium-steamers many knots per hour faster than the P. and O., and driven for all they were worth, were generally-like the character

in. Dicken's novel-" round the corner," and came in at their owners' sweet will and pleasure. after the opium and exchanged quotations which they carried had been manipulated for the benefit of the firm whose house flag they flew. The game was a very pretty and a very profitable one, and could hardly be taken: exception to; but it ceased with the extension of the telegraph wire to Hongkong.

The Governor at the date from which our review starts was the late Sir John Bowring, a many-sided, able man, who dabbled in Chinese literature and hymn-writing, but who could be strong when occasion required. Mr. Justin McCarthy, in "A History of Our Own Times," describes him as " full of self-conceit, and without any very clear idea of political principles on a large scale," but he was 'undoubtedly and wisely firm in the " Arrow " matter, which wan, after all, only the culminating factor to a long series of Chinese breaches of faith. It is not within our power to enumerate all the successive governors and officials with whom Hongkong has been blessed during the past fifty years. Since the days of Six Hercules Robinson onward they have varied in ability, suitability, and adaptability; but the general result has been to increase the value of Hongkong, cloth, as an Eastern possession, and to increase the Chinese respect for, and confidence in, our methods of government,

moito appropriate,

served; its purpose of relieving the pressure on Hongkong space, and it is invaluable in many ways for the prosperity of the colony. It may be noted that among the recent additions to the members of the Legislative Council there figures the name of a member of a German firm, which is quite in accordance with the principle which has made, and which keeps, Hongkong a free port; but in this connection it may be asked what probability there is o any Englishman holding any office in the Government of Kiao-chow? It must be at once said that Germans have always occupied prominent positions among the mercantile com. munity of the colony; that they have been excellent citizens; but this fact in no degree does away with the partinence of our quastion. Dr. Williams calls Hongkong "a Chinese settlement protected by British rule," and there is a certain amount of truth in the description : but the facts remain, that this island, set in a silver sea, forms a striking object-lesson us the benefits accruing from enlightened British rule, that it shows the Chinese the value of officials who are incorruptible, as also the

monied and social results flowing from the

administration of justice by importial and un-

erring hands. ·Canton may fully be mentioned here. The old foreign residents in Canton were, fifty years ago, wise in their generation in recognising the possibilities of that place becoming, with enlightened Chinese co-operation, one of the most valuable ports for foreign trade; but not until the native authorities allow railway to do there full work will its value as an entrepot be entire ly established. In 1858 H.M. Consul there was Mr. C. A. Winchester, an able Scotsman, imbusomewhat indolent in his methods, but an able despatch writer, and a man of very sound judgment. His assistant was Mr. (now Sir Robert) Hart, and it was here that the latter laid the foundation of that knowledge of Chinese character and methods which has stood him in good stead through all the intervening years. Railways were unthought of, the opening of the West River was a mere dream, and trade was only just recovering from the effects of Governor Yeh's arragance and folly. The city was occupied by the joint forces of Great Britain and France. The present writer played cricket with Mulvaney almost under the shadow of the Great Temple, and had Ortheris by his side at the drop-scene rope during the Canton garrison theatricals. Several of the officers then stationed in the city of Rams subsequently attained to high commands, and a junior carned his V. C. at the taking of the Taku forts .- L. & C. Express.

THE CITY OF CANTON. Canton is one of the Chinese towns that to this day shows listle trace of foreign influence, sails into the harbour, in one of the beautiful rows of sampans and of glorious brown-sailed junks, is of something absolutely strange, of a life incomprehensible to Western eyes. No temples and pagodas rise to the memory when Empress of China was a humble native. The daughter of hucksters in Capton would probably be in no way distinguishable from the crowds of women and girls who throng those So narrow are those streets that, stretching your arms, you can often touch the small, closely set booths on either side. Everywhere the glow and splendour of colour meet your eyes; crimson, yellow, blue, from the looms of the allk-weavers or the embroiderers, the gleam of copper or of gold from the jewellers, iridiscent lights from the kingfishers' feathers deftly handled by the enamellers, and the endless play of hues where the farmakers are using their brushes.

THE DAILY LIFE of the Cantonese is devoted to toil, and yet they find time for recreation, for the hum of conersation and of laughter fills the street, and the traveller who passes through it in a chair will find himself pressed upon, gazed at, and criticised by a dense mass of people, who touch him, and do not hesitate to ask him questions that are frequently embarrassing. At the upper end of every little room into which you glance there is a large screen, gay with gilt and colours, and on a small table in front flowers are set, flanked, on days of special observance, by a dish of roast pig and a few oranges. This is the joss house, without which no family would regard itself as secure from the wrath of the many gods-such, for example, as one of the 500 enclosed within the great temple. Birds twitter from cages at each open doorway as you pass, and frequently the trill of a bird's note rises louder thin all the noise around you. The Chinaman has peculiar love for birds, and it is rare to see him set out, even on a long journey, without his bird in its gilded cage wrapped in a blue linen

MATIVE SHOPPING.

Whatever be the ware sold by the shopkeeper, his store is filled to overflowing, for As a piece of residence Hougkong has, of space is at a premium, and the booths are all course, made material progress during the half | tiny. You meet the Cantonese who has been century under review. In 1858 many buildings | busy over his morning's shopping. He has were in course of election, and sites for them | bamboo-rod over his shoulders, and you notice were determined more by situation than by his meat little scraps of meat or fish, and sanitary fitness. Old Chinese graveyards were similar small scraps figure at the doors of the upturned in many cases, and the het sun beat- eating houses, nicely fried and hung on strips ing on germ-laden detritus laid the foundation of bamboo. The shops of the greengrocers are for the " Hongkong Fever" which has done so | most attractive, for all vegetables are washed much to fill the cemetery at " Happy Valley." and spread out to the best advantage. Spipach The motto on that place of rest is hodie-mihl; is a favourite, and huge bundles of it, cut with cras tibi; and cholers, fever, and, in later years; protty long stems, and perfectly, washed, are the plague, have done their best to make the displayed in every shop. Lettuces, onions, potatoes, vegetable marrows, cucumbers, and No notice of Hongkopg and its progress gherkins are in general use. The fruit markets his presence at the Conference would not Yesterday, several ships in harbour were would be complete without a reference to are literally crammed with fruit from season to gaily dreased in honour of Christmas Day, Kowloon. Fifty years ago it was morely a season. Rice forms, perhaps, the most import The usual festivities were indulged in right strip of Chinese territory, and forty-eight years | ant part of the household supplies, since it is royally. Picnic partice ashore and affoat were ago His Majesty's present Keeper of the the basis for a number of articles in daily convery much in evidence, the enjoyment being Privy Pursa led some picked men from his sumption. Round the grocer's shop, for inenhanced by the fact that ideal weather fav. own regiment at a tent-pegging competition stance, you will note a series of large brown country of the importance attached by the oured the outings. The temperature was com- on that allen soil. It is now an annexe of lars, in each of which a long spoon is placed. paratively warm for this time of year but was Houskong, and will, in the fulness of time, be These coulsis, such appellsing additions to the lust convenient for individual temperaments. I connected with Canton by railway. It has delly ment of boiled the picked saless. I arrested in Houseway and taken to Manual.

cabbage, beans, anchovies, pounded fish, chilies made into sauce, also lomatoes such as the Italians use, and pickled beans. The grocer sells, too, eggs preserved in coatings clay, those which he can announce as

A HUNDRED YEARS OLD obtaining the best price. Piles of vermicell made from rice decorate one of his long tables; bean curd, resembling the curd of cheese, fills a stone receptacle, and he is certain to have the fins of fish and of sharks dried in the sun. His soy is one of his special products, and he will doubtless have some in process of making. Small brown beaus parboiled form its basis. They are next rolled in flour and spread on bamboo racks to dry for ten days. From the racks they are placed in stone jars and covered with salt and water, where they lie until the necessary chemical fermentation takes place. A Chinese shopkeeper who is well disposed

towards Lis visitor is sure to offer a little white cup of samshu, the national liquor," and he is not difficult to persuade that the process ly alarmed. of making it is interesting. In the back regions of his shop stands a huge stone boiler in which the sice for the samshu is first cooked before it is put into a jar, where it ferments for a month. It next goes into a metal pot, and is set on a stove inside rings of canvas thickly padded. On the top is another pot of cold water, and, as the spirit is distilled, it runs out The preparation of malt extract is an immense industry in Canton, and this paste, resembling syrup, fills great vases at every shop door, ou of which it is ladled as a sweetmeat for children. It is made in the most primitive way, and, as nothing is wasted in Canton, in onehalf of the little wooden shed, where the present writer saw the extract in the making, a couple of pigs were housed. In the other half beyond a low bamboo railing dishes of rice were set to sprout for the saccharine stage that is known as mall extract. Stoves were fitted on the other side of the room in which this extract was cooked with paddy, a coarse. rice. It was carefully covered with bamboo matting, and allowed to simmer slowly in order to form the sweet paste much appreciated by Chinese children, ... NIGHT LIFE IN CANTON.

In the evening strings of twinkling lights rise in every direction, and colour strikes a stronger note in the street scenes, for the evening hours of leisure induce the richly dressed portion of the community to parade. The girl -of-the class whose parents would sell her as a slave frequently sits in the windows of teahouses or restaurants. There is the tinkling sound of the Chinese instruments and strings of little fanterns glitter and dance in the evening light. From tea room windows you see the girls as they lean forward to talk and lau, he Their robes are of the richest embroideries on shades of blue such as only pure silk can take, and often the flash of jewels enhances and the first realisation of the stranger who the effects of the picture. Oval faces, white with a peculiar rice flour until they river boats, over a deep grey, placid river, past look like velvet, contrast with shining black hair, dressed and coiled and held in place by a special paste. There is sure to be a dash of scarlet worn in the hair, and the sheen of almond eyes of intense black or shadowed one recalls Canton, of which the late Downger | brown meets you from behind a fan of marvellous beauty. The richness of Chinese jewellery is indescribable, and the woman who loves diamonds, but who has not witnessed the display made on the occasion of a wealthy narrow streets to-day, as they did centuries ago | Chinese wedding, has missed a delight. Al though there is the ripple of careless laughter where the slave girls laugh and sing, a display of emotion of any sort is repugnant to the ideas of the true Chinaman. Hostile demonstrations raise, a low sound resembling a growl more than anything else but even in times of deep distress emotion is not exhibited .- Daily Tels-

> A SERIOUS charge is to be heard against Lenng Luk, a matried women, and Li Hing Tong, residing at 164 and 285; Queen's Road Central, respectively. The alleged offence against them is for receiving ten pearls valued at \$1,100 and the case is likely to prove of interest.

> THE Waiwipu has cautioned the Imperial Residents at Lhasse and various parts of Mongolia against making agreements with foreigners unless written instructions authorizing same have been received by them from the Waiwupu or other Ministries of the Central

A PEKING letter states that the Prince Fegent has informed the various Viceroys, Governors and Tarter Generals of the provinces, that the New Year's gifts and those presents usually given by them upon the accession of a new Sovereign will not be accepted, with the exception only of such as may be used for sacrificial worship before the tablets of their late Imperial Majestles Emperor Teb Tsung-ching (Kuang-Hau) and Empress Haiso Ching-haien (Empress Grand Downger Tza-hsi, etc., etc.)

FOR failing to enter in a register the name, sex, age, occupation and date of arrival of two lodgers, on the 20th inst., and also failing to have printed in a conspicuous place on the third floor of his premises the number of persons which the floor may legally occupy, Chan Fung, of 191, Des Voux Road Central, had to pay \$50 and \$15 on the two counts at the Police Court on the 24th inst. The first charge was also preferred against Lo Sam Tein, of 40, Connaught Road West, and a fine of \$50 tioned the proposal.

Six years and one day imprisonment in Bilibid was the sentence of the Manila criminal court on the aist inst imposed on Alfred Hall, alies A. W. Hall, charged with the falsification of a public document. Hall appeared in court and at first entered a plea of not guilty but after consultation with his attorney he withdrew the ples and pleaded guilty to the charge of falsification, and the court pronounced sentence without forther delay. Alfred Hall was charged with the falsification of a public document in that, as the specifications allege, he falsified post-office money order for \$3 signing bimsel as commissary officer of Egbert Post, V. A. P. cation Hall was a government official and em. the various haval systems obtaining ployed if the Manila post-office in Hall wa

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

MAGAZINE EXPLOSION.

300 HOUSES DESTROYED.

[By courtery of the " Shoung Po."]

Peking, 24th December. The gunpowder depot at Chinhai exploded on the 21st inst.

The noise was heard within a radius of more than ten lis (about four miles); the people became great-

Shanghai, 25th December. The other day an explosion occurred in the gunpowder magazine in the district of Chinhai, Ningpo prefecture.

About 300 houses were destroyed; there were only a few casualties.

PEKING-KALGAN RAILWAY.

F-RESTALLING FOREIGN CONCESSION, "

[By courtery of the "Shrung Po."]

Peking, 24th December. The Ministry of Posts and Communications has decided to build a branch line of the Peking-Kalgan railway leading to Chingwantao, to forestall application by foreigners for a concession to construct the

Later.

Certain foreign merchants have repeatedly asked for the concession to build a railway from Chingwantao to Ku-yung-kwan.

The Waiwupu has refused the application.

FOREIGNERS IN CHINA.

MUST NOT RESIDE OUTSIDE TREATY LIMITS.

[By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."]

Peking, 24th December. The Waiwupu has urged the Foreign Ministers to instruct their respective nationals to take up their residence (while in China) within Treaty limits only or in foreign settlements; they should not be allowed to live outside such settle-

It is desirable that subjects of foreign Powers should comply with Treaty stipulations in this respect.

ments in Chinese territory.

SHOWING THE FLAG.

ANOTHER SOUTHERN CRUISE CONTEMPLATED.

[By courtery of the " Showing Po."]

Peking, 24th December. H.E. Tieh Liang, president of the Ministry of War, proposes to despatch Yung Shi-kee, next spring, with a squadron of cruisers to the South Sea Islands on a tour, of inspection and " to show the colours " to Chinese residing in those regions.

It is expected, furthermore, that the officers will gain experience in navigation by the cruise.

The Central Government has sano-

DUKE TSAI SUN.

TO STUDY FOREIGN NAVIES. By courtery of the " Sheung: Fat]

Peking, 24th December, The Grand Councillors have made recommendation that Dake Their Sun should be sent abroad on a special mission next spring to study in toroign countries.

Telegrams.

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

CANTON-HANKO W RAILWAY.

LOAN IN ABBYANCE.

[By courtesy of the " Sheung Po."].

Peking, 25th December. H.E. Chang Chih-tung (as already reported) contemplated the raising of a loan (with the British and Chinese Corporation) for the construction of the Hunan-Hupeh section of the Canton-Hankow Rail-

In consequence, however, of certain difficulties having arisen in the matter of the provision of sufficient securities for the loan, the flotation is held in aboyance.

MONGOL PRINCES.

DEPARTURE FROM PEKING. [By courtery of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 25th December. The Minister of the Interior, seeing that the stay of the Mongol Princes in the Capital is unduly prolonged, have urged them to return to their respective territories.

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERN-MENT.

EARLY INSTITUTION DESIRABLE. By courtery of the "Sheung Fo."

Peking, 25th December. The Prince Regent proposes "to shorten the period for the institution of constitutional government.

With that object in view he has consulted a certain Grand Councillor who suggested that Governmen might wait another year to ascertain the preparedness or otherwise of the Provincial administrations before deciding upon the inauguration of a Parliament...

> EHO PARK. WISE REJENT.

[By courtery of the " Showing Po."]

Peking, 25th December.

The Prince Regent has decided to do away with the expenditure for the maintenance of the Eho Park and intends to appropriate the funds thus saved towards the reorganization of the Army.

[Reuter's.]

Venezuela and Holland.

LONDON, 23rd December. The Venezuelan Vice-President Gomes has arrested President Castro's brother for leading a conspiracy to assassinate him and

President Castro is charged with compli-

seize the Government.

The Vice President has revoked the decree hampering trade with Curacos, which was the main cause of friction with Holland. This is regarded as the equivalent of a

ettlement. The American warships Montand and South Carolina have sailed, presumably for Venezuela.

The Increase of French Artillery The French Chamber is debating the Bill

for the increase of the artillery. General Picquart declared that it was impossible to remain inferior, as compared with a possible foe, though the French organiza- bers of the Self-Government Society to beyout tion was superior to the German,

Later.

The Venezuela Trouble. The Bank of Venezuela has telegraphed Castro's unlimited letter of credit.

proceeds to Europe to settle disputes with the Powers.

Holland has telegraphed ordering the cessation of the paval demonstration.

The Opium Commission. Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian dele gate to the Shanghai Opium Commission, has arrived in London en route to India where he will stay as long as possible on way to Shanghai to investigate the opium albal at sachibece

Telegrams.

France.

24th December. The French Chamber has voted the Bill for the increase of the artillery.

Russia and Austria.

M. Izvolsky has issued a note to the Powers, in which he refers to the Austrian proposal for a preliminary exchange of the views of the Cabinets regarding the annexation of Rosnia and Herzigovina; the note points out that the principal difficulty hitherto has been the divergence of Austro-Russian views.

Russia was unable to agree to the suggestion that the conference should merely confirm any Austro-Turkish agreement, and the conference must define the new situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Austria's new proposal involves considerable inconvenience, but Russia desiring to be conciliatory is not disposed to object to it.

> CANTON DAY BY DAY. CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY,

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton; 24th December. Yesterday, a general meeting; was held by the Canton-Hankow Railway Company at which there were present some two hundred shareholders. The meeting was convened in connection with the proposed further extension for the closing of the lists for the collection of the and call on shares of the Company. Some of those present proposed to extend the date to the end of the 1st moon next year; others were in fayour of the 2nd moon and still others suggested the 3rd moon. After considerable discussion, it was unanimously agreed that it should be extended to the end of the and moon, and during the thirty days from the 15th day of this moon to the 15th day of the est moon, the collection should be suspended on the occasion of the Chinese New Year. After the question of the collection of the and call on shares was settled, there was confusion and disorder on account of one of the members of the board of directors who dealt unsatisfactorily with the adjudication of the tenders for the wark of removing stones and earths on the 8th section of the railway. The Hip On Company offered to do the job at \$1,30 for one cubic yard of stone and 16 cents for each yard of earth to be moved and to complete the work within a period of 14 months; while one Luen Sang offered to do-the-same at \$1.6's for one yard-of stone and 15 cents for one yard of earth and to complete it in 12 months. The director rejected the former tender and awarded the contract to the latter. A letter from the Hip On Company, in which a complaint was lodged against the director, was read before the meeting. The director was

the 10th day of this muon. ROBBERS' ARREST. Two days ago, three robbers, named Fung Ying, Pun Ah Kwan and Pan Ah Chu respectively, who were accomplices of the robber Chief Luk Lan Ching, were arrested at Fatshan and brought to Canton yesterday. These culprits have all pleaded guilty and are now

severely censured by the majority of the

shareholders present. It was afterwards agreed

that both the contracts should be refused and

tenders will be again invited and opened on

waiting to receive their punishment. . .

JOURNAL DISCONTINUED. The native paper styled the Toung Shoung Wul Po (the Daily News of the Chamber of Commerce) has been rejected by the Canton Native Press Society and its membership has been cancelled for breach of the rules of the Society.

MAN KIDNAPPED. On he 17th instant, a number of robbers attacked a man surnamed Tam, in Sai-chiu, who receptly returned home from Annam. After. ransacking the house, Tam was forcibly taken away and the robbers now demand a sum of \$5,000 for his release.

TRAIN ACCIDENT. . .

On the 21st instant, at 9 a.m., another ra l way accident occurred near the Three-Eye Bridge, where a lad of about 16 years of age was knocked down by a passing train returning to Shok Wai Tong from Fatshan. The right leg of the unfortunate lad was cut through, and there is scarcely any hope for his recovery.

H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL BROADWOOD. General broadwood paid a visit to the Carton High Provincial College, where he was received by the masters of the college. The General afterwards inspected the classes,

H.E. Vicercy Chang Jen Chun proceeded to the Shameen to return an official call on General Broadwood at the British Consulute at 11 a.m. this morning.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES' DEPARTURE. The successful candidates for entrance into the newly-established Customs College a after by the steamer Kwangles for the North.

THE "FATSHAN" INCIDENT With reference to the attempt of the memthe steamer Fetskan, the Viceroy has been asked to suppress the action and to deal with

the ringleaders, AT St Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to-morrow to Berlin and Paris cancelling President (First Sunday after Christmas) the Hely Com- you want us to fire" signalled the battery." munion will be administered at 8 a.m. Moin- The Varuna, kept the hawser tight Dr. Jose Paul, the ex-Foreign Minister, ing Prayer and Sormon at 11 a.m. attended; prevent the ship from drifting bows on again, (weather permitting,) by the Church parade and signalled to the fortress "Are we safe? party of "H" Company, and Batt. "The "Yes," was the cheefful reply of the men ba-Buffe."-Holy Baptism at 12.15. Sunday School 5 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 6 p.m. There was some discussion as to whether the when the Rev. L. G. Jones, R.N., will officiated ship would blow up or not after she had been and preach. The offertories will be in aid of the Church Maintenance Fund, which has off at racing speed. Captain Davies had a man some beavy claims to meet in the near future The Chaplain requests that contributions to the Church Funds intended for inclusion in the 1008 accounts and acatholders payments i arrests be sent before Dec. 31st or deposited ! spe effectors pane in merkey drasfores.

BLAZING OIL SHIP. BOMBARDED BY A FORT. A MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE

We are now in a position to furnish our readers with full and accurate details of the destruction of the British oil steamer Kalome, Captain Jackson, which called at Singapore from New York on route for Cabu and Swatow with 88,000 cases and 3,000 drums of kerosene, reports the Singapore Free Press of 18th inst.

The vessel had originally also a quantity of shells and fireworks on board, but these bad been, fortunately, landed at the gunpowder magazine at Tanah Merah before the vessel moved to the dangerous petroleum anchorage behind Blakang Mati, When a representative of McAlister and Company left the ship at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday all was well, but about fifteen minutes later smoke was discovered issuing from the reserve hold just abalt the bridge. Oil was stored here and it was seen that fire had broken out, though how it started is not known.

HATCHES WERE DATTENED down and the officers and crew did everything in their power to combat the flumes. They were powerless, however, and signals for assistance were flown. As dusk came on rockets were fired to attract attention. The gunners at Blakang Mati telephoned to the Master Attendant's office, and the agents and Tanjons Pagar were communicated with. The salvage steamer Varuns steamed out immediatel and poured water into the ship. As it was feared that the oil tanks at Pulau Bukom would be endangered, the burning versel was towed to Pasir Panjang, and anchored about three-quarters of a mile off the hospital The sea cocks were opened in the engine room and one of the holds with a view to scuttling the vessel. Until 12.30 yesterday morning, the salvage steamer.remained alongside pumping in water, 'The fire gained rapidly, however, and alarming explosions occurred. The fire had not yet reached hold number two, where most of the oil was stored, and it was momentarily feared that a severe explosion would occur here. It was not considered safe to remain alongside any longer, and the Varuna cast off and returned to Tanjong Pagar.

One of the harbour launches, with Malay Marine policemen on board, remained in the vicinity the whole night. The officers and crew were taken on to launches, and the men suc ceeded in removing most of their belongings. The crew were.

TAKEN TO THE SAILORS' HOMP, at two in the morning. The Captain and the Chief and Third Officers remained in the police launch. The ship's catpenter, a Russian Finn, seemed to become crazy with the excitement, He jumped off the launch and swam to the burning ship, boarded her, put all his belongings and a large quantity of previsions in boat and cruised about in the vicinity, eventually making fast to a fishing-stake close by. When morning dawned, the fire appeared to have subsided and less smoke was seen. The Varung was sent for to punch a hole in the

Mr. F. W. Webb, Lloyd's Surveyor, and Captain Jackson, were in charge of the operations. Just before the arrival of the Varuna.

aboul ten o'Clock, A BIG EXPLOSION

shook the vestel from stem to stern, and flames poured from the ventilators in front of the engine room. A visit paid to the ship just before the explosion was full of interest. The ship was absolutely deserted, but in the officers' saloon, the table was still as it had been laid for dinner. Three caparies and some other personal belongings were taken away. An attempt was made to rescue three sheep which were kept in cages astern, but they were locked in and the doors could not be burst open. The fire rapidly became worse and after a

consultation, S.r. Webb and Coptain Jack son decided that the only chance of saving the vessel was to sink her by firing a shot into her below the water line. There was no British warship in port, and Mr. Webb and Captain Jackson applied to the military authorities at Fulau Brani for assistance. It was desired if possible to take a gun out in a launch and put in a shot, through the water line. The military authorities courteously promised to do their best. Their weapons were for war purposes, and the destruction would be. great. Two signallers were taken on board Mr. Webb's launch from Blakang Mati. and a pot of paint from Keppel Harbour to make mark on the water line for a target. The gunners at Fort Pasir Panjang were ordered to fire at the blazing vessel with a

SIX INCH QUICK-FIRER Thursday is the soldiers' holiday, but the gun ners turned to willingly. An officer took charge of the battery. Captain Jackson and his second officer returned to their vessel and made fast a stout hawser to the stern. The Paking will leave here to-morrow or the day ship was lying hows on the battery and in that position a shot would have raked her from stem to stern. The Varun's took the other end of the hawser and slowly steamed shead, swinging the Kowmo broadside on to the fortress. The other launches steamed some distance away and one of them towed of the carpenter's boat. A while bull's eye was painted on the water line, outside the number two hold. "Hoist a red flag when hind the long wicked-looking six-inch monster. hit, and the salvage steamer was ready to be ready to cast loose the hawser, and was as cool yards from the large,

few seconds of silence followed, and B-o-o-m went the gun on the hill two miles away.

A CLEAN BIX INCH HOLE was drilled through the ship's side a foot above the white painted hull. Not bad for the first shot ! Flame spurted from the hole. The gunners had not quite got the range yet. Their second shot went high, and passed over the vessel and danced along the top of the calm water. The gunners were using solid shot so as not to do too much damage. A shell would have torn her side out. The third shot went clean through the white paint, just a fraction above the water line, but a fine shot. Then followed a pretty exhibition of shooting. Six times, running, the gunners planted solid shot on the same spot. The balls went through the ship as easily as if she had

DEEN AN EGG SHELL.

Captain Jackson was much affected when he saw the holes knocked in his fine eighteenmonths' old ship.

Captain Blanford, R.G A., and Lieut. Cator, the Acting Master Attendant, came up in time to see the shooting. The flames raged more fiercely, and the whole of the fore part of the ship was ablaze, dense volumes of smoke pouring skywards. Explosion followed explosion and deck structures were thrown into the air. The flames were fanned by the current through the shot holes. The vessel seemed to be slowly settling down with a list to port. It could not be understood why she did not sink. The order was then given to cease firing and the flags on the Varuna talked to the fort and the bombardment stopped. It was not considered advisable to make too big a hole in the ship's kong. side for fear the

BLAZING OIL WOULD POUR out and float into Tanjong Pagar with th tide! Nothing could be done for the doomed Kalomo, and it was decided to let her burn out or sink. When our representative left last evening, the forepart of the ship was a rearing mass of flame, and there seemed every like lihood that she will continue to burn for considerable time. During the day a number of people came down to see the ship; there being quite a fleet of launches round her at different times. The novelty of the bombardment of a ship created a good deal of excitement on shore. The vessel is now lying about three quarters of a mile from the shore, and the only danger now is if the burning oil should escape and come up on the tide. The police have left a faunch to guard the ship and be ready to give immediate information should

any further developments occur. At nine o'clock the fore part of the ship was practically under water, though the fire was burning fiscely amidships.

COMMERCIAL.

FREIGHT MARKET.

Messrs. Lamks and Rogge write in the fortnightly circular of 24th inst .:-

The issue of this fortnight's circular is a day earlier owing to Christmas day intervening.

The period under review has blought no improvement in freights, and as far as the ship's side and sink her, as she still remained | South is concerned; the situation may be termed a "dead calm," whilst Northern bush ness too is gradually becoming more and more dismal with rates further receding. Under these circumstances it seems strange, that there should be one trade in existence, for the accommodation of which sufficient tonneg cannot be readily found, and where charterers indeed have had to agree to an advance on previous rates of fully 25% and over, to cover urgent requirements. This has, however, ac tually happened in connection, with coal chartering from Japan to this port, and is in the main due to an exceptional scargity in Eastern waters of large-sized tramp steamers. The rate from Moji, which during the whole of the year fluctuated with very low limits, has of a sudden jumped to \$1.70 per ton, and a boat from

Muroran even obtained \$2.50. From Saigon for prompt loading only one fix'ure is on record, viz: to Singapore at a lump sum figure, and very little fresh business is likely to come off until the new grain is fit for export. As to the coming barvest in Cochin China, judging from latest mail advices, it promises to turn out a good average one, and unless abnormal rains play havon with the standing crop, a satisfactory spring business may be looked to. The first shipments of new grain will likely be made towards the end of

January. Phuyen (Annam) to Manila bas the fixture of a boat for cattle business.

One fresh charter has been arranged from Talianwan and Chefoo to Canton on basis o

Coal Freights: Fixtures from Sebattik (Borneo) to Saigon at \$2.50, Hongay/Canton at \$1.40, Hongay/Swatow at \$1.25, Moji/Hong kong at \$1.70 Muroran/ longkong at \$2.50, and Wakamatro/Canton at \$2.15. A local inquiry, placed on the London market for tonnage from Japan to Singapore at \$3.5% has falled to draw offers, neither have various Moji/Hongkong freights, been responded to b

On "time" from some inquiry for February March commencement two engagements have resulted. S.S. Nord is taken up by Saigos charterers, whilst Afe'd will be employed in the Newchwang trade. Sall Tonnege Loading or to Load :- For Bal

timore and/or New York :- Brit, bark Lyndhurst, 2,249 tons, arrived 14th September. Brit bark Daylight, 3,599 tons, arrived 9th October. Sail Tonnage Disengaged :- Amer. Sch Annie B. Smule, 746 tons, arrived 18th Dec. Depa ture of Sailers :- None.

WEEKLY SHARE LIST.

In their Weekly Share List, dated 24th ins,, Mesers. Erich Georg & Co. write :as if he had been under fire all his life. The our circulars two days parlier than usual. salvage steamer was ecarcely three bundred Since issue of our last share report a moderate to fair business has been done in a variety of rates show no change. Up went the red fisg to the masthead and stocks, and the market closes steady to strong there was a light among those on board. A lifer most of our securities. The decaded home, resders a Merry Christman.

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1908. ever, has been entirely for investment purposes the speculative element with its attending time business being absent altogether. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at is. Efd., while rates on Shanghai, and vice versa are unchanged. Barsilver in London is quoted 221d, while Consols are given with £83 13/16.

according to last Reuter's telegram. The rates

of discount in London are unchanged. . Bank Shares.—Several small parcels of Hongkong and Shanghair have been done a \$845, but more shares are obtainable. Shanghai and London rates are unchanged. National Banks are firm at \$31.4

Marine Insurance Shares.—Unions sold at \$835. China Traders have buyers at \$874; and North Chinas at Tls. 105. Yangtsres are wanted at \$1671. Cantons sold at \$195.

Fire Insurance Shares .- A few Hongkongs fetched \$325, but more shares are on offer. Shipping Shares .- Hongkong, Canton and Macaos changed hands at \$29 and \$29}, closing with sellers at \$292. Indo-Chinas are un changed here and in Shanghai, while the London quotation is £3, 10s, od, for preference and Lr. 7s. 6d., for deferred shares. China and Manila have sellers at \$14. Douglases a quiet, but steady at \$33. Star Ferries, as wel as Water Boats are unchanged. Shell Transports are quiet at 47 shillings; the London rate is 47s. 6d. sellers.

Refineries.-China Sugars are quiet again at \$1121. Luzons sold at \$18, and 'are offering

Mining Shares.-Charbonnages and Raubs are unchanged, Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's, shares have buyers at Tis, 171; the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ended 5th instant, amounted to 37,973 tons of coal, and the sales during the same period to 38,043 tons.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c .- Hongkong and Whampon Docks are offering at \$90 Fenwicks, as well as New Amoy Docks are unchanged. Shanghai Docks have advanced in the North to Tis. 75. Hongkong and Kow-Ioon Wharves sold at \$42 to \$43, closing with buyers at latter figure. Shanghal and Hongkew Wharves advanced in the north to Tis. 140. at which rate sallers pravail.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings .- Hongkong Lands changed hands at \$921, but shares are obtainable at \$91. Kowloon Lands have sel lers at \$35. Hongkong Hotels can be placed at 583. Shanghai Lands have improved in Shanghai to Tis. 110. Other stocks noder this heading are unchanged and without sales; Cotton Mills.-Shanghai quotes buyers of

Ewos at Tis. 75, of Internationals at Tis. 65, of Laou Kunz Mows at Tls. 671, and of Soey Chees at Tis. 280, Hongkong Cottons are wanted at \$9.

Sundry Manufacturing Companies.-Hongkong Electrics have been dose at Si21 and \$18, and a few are for sale at the higher rate. Gas shares have buyers at \$100, ex an interim dividend of 5 per cent, on account of 1908, paid in London on 3rd October, Green Island Cement shares sold at rates, ranging between So.80 and \$10, and close with sellers at \$0.00. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and no sales have been reported.

Miscellaneous.-Langkats have buyers at Tis. 860; the following telegraphic information, dated roth instant, has been received from the Sumatra Director and Manager in Langkat: "Daily aggregate output of crude petroleum go,000 gallons ; crude petroleum in janks at date 380,000 gallons; kerosene made since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram 90,000 cases; kerotene shipped since 88,000 cases; and kerosene in stock at refinery at date 74,000 cases."

South China Morning Post shares are firm Owing to the Christman holidays, we issue | at 124, Watking are inquired for at \$2. Watsons sold and baye buyers at Sol. Other stocks under this heading have not been dealt in and We take this opportunity of wishing all our

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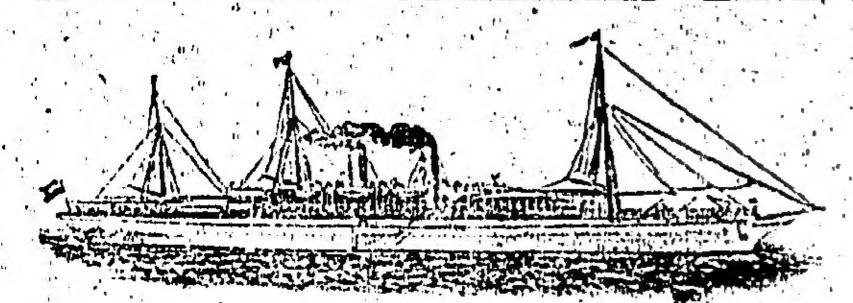
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.. Corned-Ham Ngau Yuk Roast-Shiu ... Broast-Ngan Lam Boup, Tong Yuk Steak-Ngau Yuk Pa " Sirloin-Ngau Lau " Saurages,-Ngau Yuk Chaung ... ; Bullock's Brains ... Know per set

Beef sirloin & prime cut-Mei Lung Pa D

Tongue fresh-Ngau Li..... each corned-Ham Ngau Li..... Head-Ngau Tau " Heart - Ngau Sumper b

Hump, Salt-Ngau Kin

, Kidneys-Ngau Yiu.... , Tall-Ngau Mel Tripo (undressed)-Ngau To..... Calves' Head and Feet-Ngan-chal-

Mutton Chop-Yeung Pal Kwat Leg-Yeung Pei Shoulder-Young Shau n

Pigs' Chitlings-Ohi cheong ... Brains-Chi Know.....per set Feet-Ohl Keek..... Fry-Chi Chak Heart-Ohl Sum.....each

Pork, Chop-Chi Pai Kwat Corned-Ham Chu Yuk Leg-Chu Pel

. Fat or Lard-Chu Yau Sheep's Head and Feet-Yeung Tau . Keokset 'Heart-Young Sum......each

Kidneys-Young Yin Sucking Pigs, To Order-Chu Chal ... ,, Suet Beef-Sang Ngau Yau

... Mutton-Sang Young Yau Voal-Ngau Chai Yuk...... "Sausages-Ngau Chai Yuk Tong.

POULTRY.

Chicken-Kai Chal Capons, Large, Small-Sin Kai...... Ducks-Ap..... Doves-Pan Kaneach Eggs, Hen-Kai Tan.....per dor. Hainan-Hol Nam Kal

Georg-Ngo Geese, Wild Shanghal-Sheung Hol Ye Ngopair \$1,50

Musk Deer-Wong Kengeach \$3.50 Haro-Tu Chal..... Partridge-Che Khoo Pheasant-Shan Kal.....pair \$1.40 Pigeons, Canton-Pak Kup each

Holhow-Holhow Pak Kup " Quall-Um-Ghan Rice Birds-We Fa Cheukdozen Snipe-Sa Chul each Turkeys, Cock-Fo Kal Kung ... per h Hen-, Na ...

Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sui-appair \$1.00 Teal, Shanghal, Sui Ap Chai..... Wild Ducks Canton-Sang Shing Sui Apper pair

Barbol-Ka Yu Bream-Bin Yu. Ganton Fresh Water Fish-Hol Sin Yu .. Carp-Li Yu Oatfish-Chik Yu Codfish-Mun Yu. Grabs-Hal Cutile Fish-Muk Yn Dab-Sa Mang Yu

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Frogs-Tien Kal Garoupa-Sek Pan Gudgeon-Pak Kup Yu Herrings-Tso Pak Halibut-Chenng Kwan Yu Labrus-Wong Fa Yu. Loach-Wu Yu, Lobsters-Lung Ha Mackerel-Chi Yu Monk Fish-Mon Yu

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Shark-Sa Yu Shrimps-Ha Snapper-Lap Yu. Soles-Tat Sa Yu..... Tench-Wan Yu Turbot-Cho How Yu Turtles, small, fresh water-Kook Yu... White Balt-Ngan Yu Chal

FRUITS.

Almond-Hung Yan...... Apples, (California)-Kam San Ping Ko.... "(Chefoo)-Tin Chun Ping Small-Ho Tong Oustard-Fan Las Chi.....each Bananas, fragrant; Canton-Sang Sheng Houng Chiu " (brides), Macao-San Houng Chiu Chestnuts, Chinese-Foong Lut.... Carambola-Young Tou

Grapes-Sin Tai Tsz...... Lemons, China-Ning Moong..... Amer. - Kum San Ning Moong, Lichees, Small Stone-Lai Chi Con..... Fresh, Lai Chi Limes, (Sargon)-Sai Kung Ning Moong Mango, Manila-Lui Sung Mong..... Mango, Saigon-Sai Kung Moong

Mangosteens, San Chuk Ter per 100 Oranges, Tim Chang Small-Tai Kutcatty Mandarin-Tim Kut Passion Fruit each Pears, (American)-Kam San Shut Li h (Canton), Cooking-Sa Li

(Shanghai)-Shoung Hoi Li ... Pennuts,-Fa Sang Persimmons, Large,-Hung Chie Pine-apples, ast quality-Sheung Poon Ti Paw-laweach and cooking-Chung-tang

Paw-law Platains-Tal Chiu Plums, Swatow-Hung Lai Pamelo, Siam-Chim Lo Yau each Walnuts, Hop Tou Green -Sang Hop Tou Shanghai Lo Kwat

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai, -Shenny Hol Ab Beans, (French) Macao-Oh Moon Pin

Beans, (French), Shanghai-Shenng Hoj, Pin Tau Beans, Sprout-Ah Chol..... Beans, Long-Tau Kok Beet Root-Hung Choi Tau..... each Brinjals, Green-Cheng Yuen Ker Brinjals, Rod-Hung Ker Brassica-Pak Chol Bamboo Shoots-Chook Shun' Cabbage, Chinese, com.-Kar Choy.....

Cabbage, Red-Kai Lan Taueach Cabbage, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi ... Cane Shoots, bunch-Kau Shun Cauliflower, Large size-Tai Yeh Choi

Cauliflower, Medium size-Cheung Yeh Choi-faeach Cauliflower, Small size-Sal Yeh Choi-fa Carrots-Kam Shun Colory. Oblnese-Tong Kan Choy. Celery, English-Young Kan Choi Celery, White-Pak Young Kan Choi... Chillies, Dried-Con Lat Chiu

Red-Hung Fa " Green-Cheng Lat Chiu Corry Stuff, English-Ka Lee Choi Liu, Cucumbers-Cheng Kwa Bitter Squash-Fu Kwa Garlie-Suen Tau..... Ginger, young-Sun Tax Keung

Indian Corn—Suk Maipiece Lettuce-Yeung Sang Choleach Water Chesnuts-Ma Tai " Mandarin-Kwei Lum Ma Tal

Onlons, Bombay-Yeung Chung Tau Green-Sang Chung..... " Shal-Sheung Hol Chung Tan Japan-Yat Poon " Okroes--Mo Ker

Green Pens-Cheng Tau. Potatoes, Sweet-Fan Shu Snanghal-Shenng Hoi Shu Tagi

Macao-Oh Moon Pumpkin-Toong Kwa Rudish-Hung Lo Pak Tsal Shalots-Con Chung Tan Spinage (Chinese)-Paw Ohol Spinsch-Yin Chol Tomatoes-Fan Ker.....

Taros-Wo Tan Turnips, Pon-ti (Long)-Low Pak m English-Yanng Low Pak place Vegetable Marrow-Chit Kwa Water Cresses-Sal Young Chol Lily Roots-Lin Ngan

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Musk Melon Mushrooms, Fresh-Sang Cho Kho.....

Doc., II A.M.

29th Dec., 5 P.M.

THE TIBNTSIN-PUROU RAILWAY

AN IMPERIAL DECREE.

The following Imperial decree is dated Peking, 18th inst. :- When the construction of the Tientsin-Pukou Railway was first mooted the Grand Secretary Chang Chih-tung, the Grand Councillor Yuan Shih-k'ai and Liang Tun-yen, Vice-President of the Waiwupu, conjointly memorialized the Throne suggesting Dr. T. Tanaka, Dr. S. Matsubars, Messrs, G. that the said line should eventually be conjoint- Thakersoy, H. W. Harvey, Wm. Hunter, Ito ly and equally owned between the Government | and Ho Yee Tong. and gentry, and merchants of the three provinces through which the proposed Railway Mrs. J. E. Burgess, Messrs. A. Ferreyros, H. R. passed. It was suggested that, ton years after Rinnear, F. S. Brockman, C. A. Tomes, J. B. the building of the line, after the Government Spence, Capt. H. G. Rogers, Mesers. C. S. had repaid the foreign loan, the gentry and merchants of the three provinces concerned sen, Messre, H. D. Bartlett, E. Oswald, E. W. (Chibli, Shantubg, and Kiangau) should be authorized to raise one-half the capital of the Railway for which bonds would be issued and that the line should be in future known and operated as a joint Government and mercantile enterprise. Sobsequently Lu Hai-huan (Director General of the Railway) in preparing the regulations for the sale of railway bonds to the gentry and merchants reported that, as the line would also pass through a portion of Anhui, the gentry, and merchants of that province should also be given the privilege of subscribing for the hands after the end of the said limit of ten years, and that the holders of the bonds should be allowed to keep them and not be compelled (as was the case recently of the Telegraph Administration when private owners shares were compelled to sell them. the Ministry of Posts and Communications -Translator) to part with them in the future on any excuse whatever to the Government. This was approved of by the Throne, but now the said Lu Hai-huan again reports that although the Tientsin-Pukou Railway is known as the "Four Provinces Railway, Ld., of Tientain and Pukou" there has been, so far, considerable hesitation amongst the people of the four provinces concerned in taking interest in the construction of the said line. We hereby decree that the Tientsin-Pukou Railway shall be a line conjointly owned by the Government and the Gentry and Merchants; for ever, and that on no pretext whatever, shall private owners of bonds be made to give them up to the Government in the future. Let these pur commands be notified to the Gentry and Merchants of the various provinces concerned and let them be exhorted to use their best efforts in raising funds for the object in view .-

Shipping.

N. C. D. Neins.

Aprivals.

Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,410, H. S. Malkins, 24th

Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 831, A. P. Ulderup, 24th Rice and Life Stock .- J. & Co.

Delta, Br. s.s., 4,780, B. W. Snow, 75th Dec., P. & O. S. N. Co.

Sikh, Br. s.s. 2,237, Wilkinson, 25th Dec ... Yokohama and Dec., and Shanghai aand, Gen,-D. & Co., Ld. Ariake Maru, Jap. 8.5., 2,183, T. Ohta, 25th

Dec.,-Moji 19th Dec., Coal.-M. B. K. Meefoo, Chi. s.s., 1,334, J. Frabery, 25th Dec., -Shanghai 23rd Dec., Gen.-C. M. S. N.

Tean, Br. s.s., 1,146, Outerbridge, 25th Dec.,-Mapila 22nd Dec., Gen.-B. & S. Haimun, Br. a.s., 636. J. W. Evans, 25th Dec. -Swatow 24th Dec., Gen.-D., L. & Co. Mandal, Nor. 2.5., 1,194, Rt. Etickson. 25tb Dec -- Swatow 24th Dec .. Ballast .-

Aagaard, Thoresen & Co. Hupeh, Br. s.s., 1,204, G. J. Spink, 24th Dec.,-Haiphong and Hoihow 23rd Dec., Rice .-.

Shanhsing, Br. s.s., 1,307, W. McIntosh, 25th Dec. - Capton 24th Dec., Gen.-B. & S. Kashing, Br. s.s., 1,143, Pickard, 24th Dec .-Canton 24th Dec., Gen .- B. & S.

Yunnan, Br. s.s., 1.206, W. O. Jones, 25th Dec., -Canton 24th Dec., Gen.-C. M. S. N. Bandai Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,00p, Y. Miyasaki, 26th

Dec ,-Moji via Amoy 24th Dec., Coal,-A. K. & Co. Cyclops, Br. s.s., c.747, H. C. Harris, 6th Dec .- Liverpool via Ports and Manila 23rd

Dec. Gen.-R. & S. Choshun Maru, Jan. s.s., 1,307, T. Suruga, 26th Dec .- Shaughai 20th Dec., Gen .- O. S.

Newchwang, Br. s.s., 558, G. L. Jones, 26th "ec. - Swatow 25th Dec., Gen. -C. M. S. Hsin Fung, Chi, n.s., 1,368, H. Mc Vinnan, 26th

Dec .- Can'on 25th Dec . Gen .- C. M. 5 Chinking, Br. s.s., 1,220, W. Kay, 26th Dec., -Canton 25th Dec., Gen.-B. & S.

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Dec. 26. Delta, for Europe." Assaye, for Shanghai. Yususang, for Manila. R. F. Ferdinand, for Singapore. Chunsdag, for Houghy. Hallan, for Heihaw. Daiya Marn, for Wakamatsu. Shibstore Mars, for Apping. Taki Maru, for Kobe. Phraneng, for Swatow. Departurgs, for Bangkok. Progress, for Canton. Germania, for Canton. Hangsang, for Canton. Arreleon Adoor, for Shanghai, &c. Hallopous, for Durban. Chire Mark, for San Francisco.

L'ageourers arrived. Per Hupen, from Holhow-Mr. Robert. Per Tean, from Manila-Capt. W. McLean, Mr. T. A. Davis, Capt. P. Merlees, Messrs. G. M. Sack, Miss E. Goodman, Messes. J. Dow. Segunda Valasco, W. B. Dempster and W. C.

Passongers' departed.

Per Sanuel Main, for Japan-Meists. S. Watannbe, S. Ikeda, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mac-Leod, Mise H. Sudzuki, Messrs. H. Sakurai, So Hon Kee, R. D. Dasvani, T. J. Dasvani,

Per Chiya Marw, for Shangbai, &c .- Mr. and Wade, R. W. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jens-Bauckham, Capt. W. McLean, Messrs, D. C. Bowers, B. Humuich, E. Galapporoe, Lai, G. Tadakkoro and T. Mitsuibashi.

Passongers expected.

PorP. E. Friedrick, due 31st Docember,-Dr. Jahrling and family, Mrs. A. Prohl, Inspector J Nielsen and family, Mossis J. L. Mowinckell, C. A. Moir, J. J. Mahler, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Walker, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hewitt, and Mr. and Mrs. I. Wilkie and children.

Per Littrow, 14th January, 1909-Mr. W. D. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs Lockwood, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Craig, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rombaco, Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Russell, and Inspector Pastor

Per Pring Regent Luitpold, 28th January,-Rev. S. G. Tope, and Rev. C. D. Consens. Per Pr niers Alice, 11th February,-Mr. M. Jebsen, Mrs. B. Wagner and child.

"Por Kleist, 25th February,-Mr. and Mrs. Courvosier, Miss R. Courvosier, Mrs. Waldhausen, Messes, H. Schroder, O. Schulz, R. Richter, A. Wagner, Major and Mrs. Dann, and Miss Dann.

Shipping Report.

Str. Hupen, from Haiphong and Hoihow :-Fine clear weather.

Str. Fausang, from Hongay :- Moderate to fresh N.E'ly wind and moderate sea.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, F. Sembill, 18th Dec., -Sandakan 12th Dec., Timber and Gen,-M. & Co. Bujun Maru, Jap., s.s., r,811, F. Fuseno, 20th

Dec. - Swatow 19th Dec, Gen. -O. S. K. Cheong Shing, Br. s.s., 1,256, V. McClymont-· Liddell, 23rd Dec .- Capton 22nd Dec. Gen. - J., M. & Co. Chowfa, Ger. s.s., 1,055, H. C. Reher, 24th

Dec.,-Swatow 23rd Dec., Rice,-M. & Co. Dakotah, Br. s.s., 2,593, Ross, 21st Dec.,-San Francisco 23rd Nov, Kerosine Oil,-S. O. Co.

Derwent, Br. s.s., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 17th. Dec. -Saigon 12th Dec., Gen.-Man Fat & Co. Drufar, Nor. s.s., 1,102, J. Bing, 24th Dec. Canton 23rd Dec., Gen.-Asgaard, Thore-

sen & Co. Dec ,-Hongay 22nd Dec., Coal.-J., M. & Fri, Nor. s.s., 860, C. Wagle, 17th. Nov.,-Manila 13th Nov., Ballast .- Aagaard,

Thoresen & Co. Dec,-Haiphong and Hoihow 23rd Dec, Gryfevale, Br. s.s., 2,846, F. Steel, 17th Dec.,-Newcastle 20th Nov., and Port Kembla

25th, Coal,-M. M. -Shanghai 22nd Dec., Mails and Gen .- Haldis, Nor. s.s., 1,055, Solberg, 23rd Dec.,-"Chinking 19th Dec., Rice.-H. A. L. Hanyang, Br. s.s., 1,207, Trowbridge, 23rd

Dec. - Canton 22nd Dec., Gen.-B. & S. Laisang, Br. s s., 2,224, F. Wheeler, 15th Dec., -Calcutta via Penang and Singapore. 8th Dec., Gen.-J., M. & Co.

ocksun, Ger. s.s., 1,020, W. Taubert, 22nd Dec., Bangkok 13th Dec., Rice and Gen. Laborate

Mandagan Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,246, Shimidzu, .22nd Dec.,-Kutchipotzu itth Dec, Coal. -M. B. K.

Minnesota, Am. s.s., 13,323, Chas. Austin, 24th · Dec .- Seattle via Ports 24th Nov., and s Shanghai 21nd Dec. Gen .- N. Y. K. Nord, Br. s.s., 1,145, Prynn, 22nd Dec.,-An-

ping 20th Dec., Ballast.-Mr. Geo. Mc. · Bain. Priox Waldemar, Ger. s.s., 1,737, W. von-Senden, rath Dec,-Sydney 17th Nov.,

Gen,-M. & Co. Ragnar, Nor. 1.1., 1,220, A. Augensen, 24th Dec. - Wakamatsu (apan) 18th Dec. Coal,-Asgaard, Thoresen & Co.

Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,619, R. W. Almond, 21st Dec., -Mauila 19th Dec., Gen.-S., T. & Co. Shinshu Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,163, Otatatsu, 21st Dec. - Moji 15th Dec., Coal -M. B. K. Takasaki Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,000, A. Mocker,

Gen.- N. Y. K. SAILING VEBBELS.

Annie E. Smale, Am. s-misted schr. 809. J. F Colstrup, 13th Dec,-Portland, Or. 8th Oct., Lumber.-Mr. Jack.

28th Nov,-from Bombay and Singapore,

Daylight, Br. ship, 3,060, McBrvdr. 9th Oct.,-Yokohama 19th Sept, Ballast.—S. O. Co. Lyndhurst, Br. bark, Parnell, 14th Sept .-Biogkok acth Aug., Case Oil -S. O. Co. Tarang, Br schooner, 87, Oliver, 7th Dec .--Palau Island 15th Nov., Iron. -Mr. G. P.

Ships Passed The Canal.

1cth November-Benledi, Bulow Glenavon, Soyo Maru. 13th November-Hrnest Simons Menelaus, Telemachus, Inaba Maru, Kawachi Maru, Liturnia, 17th November-Brusilla, Oanfa, Zielen, Thesens. 20th November-Achiller, Caledonian, Cornarvonshira. 24th November-Derflinger, Benvorlich, Sumatra, Sunda, Shimosa, 27th November-Suruga, Hilacki Maru, Alcinous, Prieus, Ping Suey, Sanuki Maru, Silesia, (Gar.) Yunnan, Bousric, Scandia, Jumna. 1st December - Tranquebar, Soudan, Sumatra, Tonkin. 4th December-Bellerophon, Monmonthshire, Polynesien. Ellen Richmers, Hyson, Nyanza, Silesia, (Aus.) 8th December-Bestarte, Glenicchy, Indrani. Print Eilel Friedrich. sith December-Susula, Kleist, Deucation, Sydney, Kamakura Maru, Liberia. 15th December-Andriusta, Persens, Monigomeryshire, Awa Marn, 18th December-Ganges, Idomeneus, Petia, Glenstras, Tourans, 22ad December Brasmar, Lutrow, Malia, Slavonia, Ville de la Ciotal, Ghases, Machaon, Prins Ludwig.

Arrivals at Home-10th November-Flinishire Cathay. Isth November-Colombo Mark. 16th November-Banca, 17th November - Mashona, Prometheus. 19th November -Nors. 20th November-Ambria, Inche Mary, 27th November Caledonien, Indramayo, Vandella, 1st December - Pormaeris. Zielen. 4th December Achiller, Alcheeus, Sth December Brasilia Ping Surp

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DOCK RETURNS: HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCKS.

H M.S. Virago at Kowloop Dock Prinz Waldemar Cheongshing Tjipanat.....

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAILS DUK. Indian (Catherine Apcar) 29th inst. Canadian (Empress of Japan) 31st inst. German (Prine Eitel Friedrich) 31st inst. German (Pring Sigismund) 6th prox.

The s.s. Adat: left Scattle for Hongkong via Japanese ports on 24th inst. The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of Japan

arrived at Yokohama at 5.30 p.m., on 25th inst., and left again at midnight, same day, for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 10 p.m., on 26th

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The Parcel Branch will be open on Sunday, the 27th inst, for delivery of Parcels from 8

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS. On Friday, (New Year's Day), the office will be open from 7 to 9 a.m.

On Saturday, the 2nd January, the office will be open from 7 a.m. to noon for despatching the American Mail. There will be one delivery of letters and one

collection as on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be entirely

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Sibetia :-31st December, at 8-30 P.M. Bil January, at 10.00 A.M.

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Shanghai-Per Foothing, 28th Dec , 3 P.M. Shanghal-Per Hsin Fung, 28th Dec, 3 P.M. Swatow, Shangbal, Tsingtau, Weihaiwel, Chefoo and Ching-wan-tao-Per Cheongshing; 28th Dec., 3 P.M. Kudat and Sandakau-Per Borme, 29th

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow-Per Hallan, 20th Dec., II A.M. Singapora -Per Siel, 29th Dec., 11 A.M. Manila-Per Tenn; 29th Dec. 3 P.M. Shanghai-Per Shaoksing, 29th Dec., 3 P.M. Singapore-Per Moyune, 29th Dec., 3 P.M. Shanghai-Per Hangsang, 29th Dec., 3 P.M. Chefoo and Dalny-Per Hanyang, 20th

Dec., 3 P.M. Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle-Per Cyclops, 29th Dec. Singapore and Colombo-Per Hirano Marw

Haiphong-Per Hupek, 30th Dec. 9 A.M. Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar-Per. Tipanas, 30th Dec, 10 A.M. Enropa, &c. India, via Tuticorin-Per Buelow, 30th Doc., II A.M. Macao-Per Sui Tai, joth Dec., 1.15 P.M.

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Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco, (Will take letters to Europe marked via Siberia)-Per Asia, and Jan., 1909, 11 A.M. Singapore-Per Indrawadi, 5th Jan., 11 A.M.

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Manila-Per Taming, 5th Jan., 2 P.M. Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Porth-Por Empire, 7th Jan., 11 A.M. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle-Per Minnesota, 9th Jan., 11 A.M. Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moli-Per.

Fooksang, 11th Jan., 11 A.M. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, (B.C.) -Per Empress of lapas, 15th Jan., 6 P.M. Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday

Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launcaston, New Zealand, Melbourne, A islaide, Porth and Fremantle-Per Changsha, 29th Jan., 3 P.M. Sanghai, Nagasaki, Kobs, Yokohama, Victoria and Vincoient, (B.C.)-Per Empress

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VISITORN AT THE HOTEL Abins, A. Bolden, S. J. HONGKONG. Lin, Y. S. Massey, Miss K. A. Barnard. Dr. Appie McCulloch, Mrs. H. B. Black, Dr. G. D. R. McIntosh, G. C. Blumenthal, B. L. Daniel, F. W. McKean, Dr. G. W. Daniel, W. J. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, F. O. maid and valet Day, E. W. O'Conpor. Major Buffington, Miss F. Fletcher, H. O. Ogier, Miss F. G. Fletcher, J. P. Ogier, Miss M. Forsyth, D. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth, K. Gandet, Andree Oswald, E. O. Gensch, E. S. Packer, B. L. Cumming, W. M. Goulborn, V. Parker, R. H. Gowen, R. A.

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Adams, P. R.

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Crook, A. H.

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Highness the Mah- Woods, I. D. Young, F. S.

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NAME.	CLASS.	TONE.	GUNS.	L.H.P.	CAPTAIN,	LAST REPORTED A
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Alacrity	despatch-vessel	, 200	1.4	3,000	Commander O. T. K. Fuller	Hongkong
Astraca	cruiser, and class	4,360	10	7,000	Ospiala F. E. C. Ryan	Shanghai
Bedford	cruiser, 1st class	9,800	14 1	22,000	Uspisin S., E. Ersking	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	9 1	900	Lt,-Comdr Hon. R. O. B. Bridgeman	, Shanghai
Britomart	river gunboat	710	0	900	LleutCommander F. B. Noble	Shanghal'
Cadmus	" sloop	1,070	0	., 1,400	Commander H. L. P. Heard	Shanghai
-Cherub	water tank and tag	399		300	Master S. West	Hongkong
Clio	aloon '' '	1,070	. 0	1,400	Commander C. T. Borrett	Hongkong
	lorpedo boat destroyer	306	. 0	5,700	Lieut,-Commander A. L. Gresson	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, and class	4,360	10	7,000	Captain Rowland Nugent	Shanghai
T 101/4 101	tornedo boat destroyer	275 .	0	4,000	LieutCommander B. J. D. Guy, v.C	Hongkong
Paterior, and the second secon	tornedo boat destrover	275	0	4,000	LinuxCommander Dickens	Canton
Trues of the	tornedo bont destroyer	250	0 .	\$,900 '	Lieut,-Commander C. A. Fremantle	Hongkong
Kent		9,800	14	· 22,000	Captain G. C. A. Marescaux	Hongkong
MCIII Alford #	american ret class.	14,100	18	30,000	Captain Ulinion Bater	Singapore
King Alfred	river gunboat	616	1.4	1,200	LleutCommander T. J. S. Lyne	Yangins
Kinsha	an manifest chip	1,070	6	1,400	Commander F. H. Walter	1 Manahana
Marlin	4 - 4 - 4 - 4	9,800	14 .	. 12,000	Captain G. W. Smith	Woosung
Monmouth	minus completel	180	1 1	. 800	LieutCommander C. C. Walcott	West River
Moothen	river gunboat '	. 85	S	. 240	LlentCommander R. S. Roy	Venedas
Nightingalo	'torpedo boat destroyer	350	6.	0,300		Hongkong
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Robin	The granhant		1 2	240	LiquiCommander H. R. Tickell	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	. 02	2	240	LieutCommander Alan Dixon	Yangtsa
Snipa	torpedo boat destroyer		6	6,500	Gunner W Barlow	Hongkong
Taku	receiving ship		6	_	Commodore H. Lyon	1 Life weeks a
Tamar	river gunboat	x8a	1 1	Boo -	LieutCommander H. R. Godfrey	Yangtao
Toal	river gumboat		. 6	900	LientCommander H. T. Attlay	I. Vanadaa
Thistle 200	torpedo boat detroyer	355	, 6	4	Commissed Stevenson	Hongkong
Virago	surveying ship	020	1" 4	450	Lieut-Commander H. P. Donglas	I Illean Land
Waterwitch	In any all a bont decreases	100	6	5,700	LleutCommander J. Kiddle	Hongkong
Whiting		107	2	300	LieutCommander Ino. F. Knox	Yangtse
-Widgeon,		1	- 2	550	Lieut. Comdr. H. R.V. Cottrell-Dorme	Yangtse
Woodcock	river gunboat	1 100	1. 5	650	Lieut. Commander G. R. Livingstone.	Yangtse
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FRENCH MEN-DF-WAR ON THE CHINA STATION

NAME.	FLAG AND DESCRIPTION.	TON.	GUNS.	н. р.	COMMANDING OFFICERS.	LAST REPORTED AT	
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+ Flagship of Rear-Admiral Perrin, Commander-In-Chief.			
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(*) Flagship of Rear-Admiral Richard-Foy.

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STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES,	VALUE.	PAID UP	RESERVE	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	PRESENT QUOTATION, PASED ON LATY YEAR'S DIV,	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Shanghel Hanking Corporation	120,000	5125	\$125	£1,500,000	\$2,005,774	[Interim of £2 for first half year @ ex]	5 ł %	§\$845 sellers
			- A	\$2(0,000) \$4,000}		1/9{-\$21.942		London £82
National Bank of China, Limited	09,925		. 76	\$150,000 } (\$1,560,000)	\$10,225	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	*10	.3 \$0
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	550	\$232,757 \$411,990 £125,000	none (a)	\$14 for 1907	71 7	Sigs
North Ohlna Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	Lis	£5	Tis. 150,000 (Tis. 303,747 Tis. 118,277	Tis. 160,512	Final of 7/6 making 15'- for 1907	5 ¥	" Tis. 105
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	- 5250	5100	\$3,000,000 \$40,000 \$302,478	\$2,506,0EE	{Final of SIS making \$45 for 1905 and}	51 %	
			ti	£129,695 \$727,649 £1,000,000				\$835 sales
Yangtste Insurance Assertation, Limited	10	2100	\$6a	\$199,032	3591,703	S12 and bonus \$3 for 1906		\$165 buyers
Ohlna Fire Insurance Company, Limited	9.	\$100	\$10	\$13,802 \$13,802 \$1,323,941	\$372,432 \$428,027	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1906		STOT sales
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited		\$25	529	\$7,000	52,035	\$1 (or 1906	10 41	5325 sn and s
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	0	\$50	\$50	\$264,638 \$99,067 \$250,000		52) for year ending 30.5.1908	3. to 4.	535
Hongkong, Canton & Macae Steamboat Co., Ld.		Srs	515	\$587,500 \$81,766 \$17,655		Sti for first half-year ending 20.5.08	9	Sagi sellers
Indo: China Steam Navigation Co., Ld. (Preferred) Do. do. (Deferred) Shanghal Tog and Lighter Company, Limited	60,000 (60,000 (£5		{		{6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @} ex 1/9 11/16=\$3. 154}	51 %	{\$37 \$17
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£,1	Tie. 50	{	£63,817	{ Final of I/- making 3/- for 1907 and in-	7 %	Tis. 48 sellan Tis. 51 buyer 47/-
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	210	\$10	\$ 5,000 } 547,221 } [-Tis, 18,00		\$50.50 tor year ending 10.4.1908	11.2	\$24 \$15
Taku Tug and Lighter Congany, Limited	(0, 000	Tls. 50	Fla.50	Tis, 42 479	1111 01000	Final of Tis. 20 making Tis. 5 for 1907	11 %	Tls. 45
China Sugar Refining Company, Longted	20,000	100	froa	Tis. 12,000	Dr. 5279,271	\$8 for year :oding 31.12.06		ti ti
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited		5100 18,50	\$100 Fis. 50	1 S56,848)	Dr. \$135 132 Tis. 9,173			230 sollers
Mining.	(6)	1-4	7,-	(is. 100,000				Tis. 82) buya
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Limited {	50,000	41	1/10 \(\frac{1}{2}\)	£17,000 }	£21,556	Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year end-		Tis, 17 sales
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.	50,000	21	2.1	24.873	Dr. £2,191	No. 12 of 1/-=48 ents	•	\$9
Fenwick (Geo.) & Cu., Limited	18,000	Sig_	\$15	\$53,601	\$3,726	\$1,75 or year onding 31,12,06	300	\$12
Hongkong & Kowleen Wharl and Godown Co., Ld	60,000	550	, , ,	\$20,800 \$40,000	\$8,556	Final of \$11 making \$31 for 1907	83 X	543
Hongkong and Whampon Dock Company, Ld	55,700	\$50 T4s, 100	\$50 Fls. 100	\$76,19 ;		Interim of \$4 for account 1903	1 . Z2 w	S90 sellers
Shanghal and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	[]s, 100	('is, 100	[lis. 697,357] Tis. 75,000	Tis. 22.626	Interim of Tis. 4 for account 1908		Tis. 75 buyer
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.	e j			(Tla. 125,000)			49	10
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ld. Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai) Dentral Stores, Limited	25,000 30,000 m	Fls. 100 . \$25 \$15	1'is, 100 325 \$15"	130,000 \$1,000	Dr./ \$4,200 59,178	Tli, 6 for 1907		Tis. 100
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000 50,000	\$50	, \$50 \$100 .	\$648,975 } \$22,000 } \$250,000	\$14,639 \$36,915	Interim of 53 for account 1908	. 71 X	\$83 buyers \$92 sollers
Humphreys Estate & Floance Company, Limited	6,000	\$10 \$50	Sro - Izo	\$217.42h}	\$4,621 \$652	7c conts for 1907	71 %	\$9} sellers \$35
Nast Point Building Company, Limited	78,000 12,500	Tis: 50	_3	{Tis. 1,523,045} Tis. 170,000}	Tls: 107,547	Interim of Tis. 3 for account 1908	7 %	Tis. 120 scile
COTTON MILLS.	1 2 1	\$50	3 40	cone	S1,541	Interim of \$2 for account 1908	6	\$46
Lwo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing } Company, Limited	15,000 125,000	Tis. 50	Fls, 50 \$10	Tis, 150,000 } Tis, 45,939 } \$25,000	fls. 8,820 \$9,553	Tis. 5 for year ended 31.10.1908	61 %	Tis. 75 buyer \$50 sellers
nternational Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld	10,000	,	lis. 75 lis. 100	Тів75 жю поне	Tis, 8,372	Tis, 6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8 %)		Tla. 65
Soy Chee Ootton Spinning Company, Limited			Tis. (oc	Tis. 28,257	Tis, 6,308 Tis. 50,063	Tis. 8 for 1906	100	Tis. 671 Tis. 280
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	60,000	12/6 St2	12/6 S12	£1,500 \$25,000	£648 Nil.	1/10h per share for 1907=\$1.037	12 X	18 buyers
Do. Do. special shares	\$0,000 \$50,000 \$35,000	210 210	\$15 \$15	000.000	:61,138	50 cents for year ended 28,2.06		S51 S91 buyers
Salry Farm Company, Limited	35,000 400,000	\$74 510	\$6 - \$10.	\$8,000	\$3.59 3 \$48	SI.30 for year ending 31.7.08	58 %	S22}
In Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$20.	\$12,000 \$5,000 \$86,000	\$5 078 \$251	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	8 %	\$12 buyers
longkong Electric Company, Limited	5,000	\$10' ' \$25	\$10 * \$25	20.000 20.000	\$9,321	is and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.08	61 %	518] \$225 sollers
iongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ld. Mantschappij tot Mijn., Bosch- en Landbouwex.) ploitatie in Langkat, Limited	15,000	. D16	\$10 \$1. 100	none Tis. \$47,500 }	\$4,578 \$8,191	Interim of \$4 for account 1903	0 %	\$24
Peak Tramways Company, Limited Peak Tramways Company (new) Philippine Company, Limited	25,000 50,000 75,000	\$10 - \$10 -	\$10} \$1\$	Tis, 27,603 5	Γls. 17,127 \$7,471	Tis. 10 making \$50 to date	52 X	Tls, 860 baye § \$14 \$2
hanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	ris, so	Cis. 50	Tis. 100,000	Nil. Tia. 6,603	None	•	SB Tis. 117 buyer
hanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	[is, 20 £20	Tis. 24,820 } Tis. 75,000 } Tis. 190,000	Tls, 8,493	Final of Tis. 9 making in all Tis. 14 for 1907	12 %	Tla. 123 buyer
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000 20,000	\$25 \$ 5	\$25° \$ \$	none	Tls. 58,532, Dr. \$90,237	Final of 37/6 making 52/6 for 1907	, ,	Tis. 437} \$24
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	Sto	Sio Sio	Tis. 15,295 } Tis. 4.000 }	1236 Tis. 201 Stri	Tis. 61 for year ending 31.5.68	**	Tis. 94 buyers \$10
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	Sta	\$4 \$10	\$35,000	\$x,160	[80 cents on g,you ord shares and \$19.80 on]	6 1 χ	\$13 buyers
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	57	\$25,000 } none	\$6,418 \$3.95	Interim of 30 cents a/c 1908	6) X	19) buyers
* These shares are entitled to half of the profits			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			DIVIDENDS PAYABLE : Shaughal Dock and Engineering Co., Ld		
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